RESOLUTION 2014-05

POLICY PERMITTING ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE EVANSVILLE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BY ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

WHEREAS, the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility Board ("Board") is composed of five (5) members, three (3) of whom are required to be in attendance at meetings of the Board to constitute a quorum to allow the conduct of the business of the Board; and

WHEREAS, on rare occasions it develops that fewer than three (3) members of the Board are able to attend a regular or special meeting of the Board, thereby requiring a resetting of the meeting and a consequent delay in the conduct of the business of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-3.6 permits meeting via electronic communication by governing bodies of public agencies of the State of Indiana and the Utility is a public agency of the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, to avoid such delays on those occasions, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility ("Utility") to adopt a policy allowing members of the Board to attend meetings of the Board by electronic communication; and

WHEREAS, as required by Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-3.6(f) the Utility must adopt a policy under Subsection (g) of I.C. 5-14-1.5-3.6 governing participation in meetings of the Board by electronic communication.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility that its policy governing participation in meetings of the Board by electronic communication shall be as follows:

- 1. There must be two (2) members of the Board physically present at any regular or special meeting of the Board in order for other members of the Board to be able to participate in the meeting by electronic communication.
- 2. While attendance at all regular and special meetings of the Board is desirable, as required by I.C. 5-14-1.5-3.6(g) each member of the Board is required to physically attend at least one (1) meeting of the Board annually. Any member of the Board requesting authorization to participate in a meeting of the Board by electronic communication must notify the director of the Utility of that request at least five (5) days prior to the applicable meeting in order to allow for arrangements to be made for the Board member's participation in that meeting by electronic communication.
- 3. When a member of the Board is participating in a meeting of the Board by electronic communication, the means of communication must permit that the member, all other members participating in the meeting and all members of the public physically present at the

place where the meeting is conducted are able to simultaneously communicate with each other during the meeting.

- 4. Any member participating in a regular or special meeting of the Board by electronic communication under the terms of this policy shall be considered to be present at the meeting, shall be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum for the meeting and may vote at the meeting.
- 5. At any meeting at which a member of the Board is participating by electronic communication, the votes of the Board during that meeting must be taken by roll call vote.
- 6. Following the adoption of this policy by the Board, this policy shall be posted on the internet website of the Utility.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of October, 2014.

Board of Directors of the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility

Jeffrey Hatfield President

W. Harold Calloway, Vice President

James Gribbins, Member

Barry Bassell, Member

Steven Heidorn, Member

ATTEST:

Secretary

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